

The Council of the Township of Florence met in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey on the above date for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business which might properly come before it.

The meeting was called to order by Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk, at 7:00 PM. Clerk Weiler led the Salute to the Flag.

Clerk Weiler read the following statement: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2007 and given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

OATH OF OFFICE

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, introduced The Honorable Judge John A. Sweeney, who administered the Oath of Office to William E. (Bill) Berry as Mayor of the Township of Florence, while his family held their family Bible.

The Honorable Judge Sweeney administered the Oath of Office to Dennis A. O'Hara as Council Member of the Township of Florence, while his family held their family Bible.

The Honorable Judge Sweeney administered the Oath of Office to Sean Patrick Ryan as Council Member of the Township of Florence, while his family held their family Bible.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Dennis A. O'Hara
Sean Patrick Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present: Mayor William E. Berry; Richard Brook, Township Administrator;
Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

The Township Clerk opened the nominations for President of Council.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to nominate **Frank Baldorossi** as Council President.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

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Upon roll call for **Frank Baldorossi**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Clerk Weiler asked Council President Baldorossi to take the chair and preside over the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Council President Baldorossi opened the nominations for Vice President of Council.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to nominate **Dennis A. O'Hara** as Vice President of Council.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **Dennis A. O'Hara**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Zoning Board of Adjustment – (1) One Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/08; (1) One Unexpired Term Ending 2010; (2) Two Four Year Terms Ending 12/31/11

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to nominate **Ray Montgomery (Term Ending 12/31/08); Michael Zekas (Term Ending 12/31/10); John Fratinardo (Term Ending 12/31/11); John Groze Sr. (Term Ending 12/31/11).**

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **Ray Montgomery, Michael Zekas, John Fratinardo and John Groze Sr.**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment – Alternate #1 – 2 Year Term Ending 12/31/09

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Ryan to nominate **Rebekah Peterson**.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to nominate **Kathleen Oberski**.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **Rebekah Peterson**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Baldorossi
NOES: Garganio, Sandusky
ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

Florence Township Advisory Committee on Economic Development and Redevelopment – (2) Two 2 Year Terms Ending 12/31/09

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to nominate **George Lengel and Pete Darata**.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Ryan to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **George Lengel and Pete Darata** the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Florence Township Committee on Landfill Matters – (2) Two 2 Year Terms Ending 12/31/09

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to nominate **Patrick Sobczak and William Bott**.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **Patrick Sobczak and William Bott** the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

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**Cross Acceptance Representatives, Burlington County Route 130 Corridor
Representatives – 1 Year Terms Ending 12/31/08**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan nominate **Thomas McCue, Gerald Santoleri, Thomas A. Sahol (Assistant Administrator) and Richard A. Brook (Administrator).**

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **Thomas McCue, Gerald Santoleri, Thomas A. Sahol and Richard A. Brook** the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve the following appointments.

Planning Board	Sean Ryan
Recreation	Bruce Garganio
Environmental Commission	Sean Ryan
FAAD	Frank Baldorossi
Adv Comm on Economic Dev and Redevelopment	Dennis O'Hara
Committee on Landfill Matters	Jerry Sandusky

Upon roll call the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Clerk Weiler introduced the professionals, some present, that are being recommended to Township Council by Mayor Berry for approval by Resolutions later this evening:

Township Solicitor	William John Kearns, Jr., Esq.
Township Engineer	Dante Guzzi
Township Water & Sewer Engineer	Richard A. Alaimo (with Russell Trice)
Prosecutor	Nicholas J. Costa, Esq.
Public Defender	William E. Sitzler, Esq.
Bond Counsel	McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C.
Conflict Public Defender	James D. Fattornini, Esq.

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Clerk Weiler presented the following Mayoral appointments:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Assessment Commission	Arthur Wise	12/31/2008
Assessment Commission	Richard J. Mullen	12/31/2008
Assessment Commission	Adriano Marinelli	12/31/2008
Recreation Committee	Mary Pieretti	12/31/2012
Recreation Committee	Donald Lewis	12/31/2012
Recreation Committee	Joseph Carroll (filling an unexpired term)	12/31/2008
Recreation Committee	Gary Olaff (filling an unexpired term)	12/31/2011

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve the above listed appointments.

Upon roll call to approve the **Mayor's Appointments**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Clerk Weiler presented the following Mayoral appointments for other Boards:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Advisory Committee for Economic Development & Redevelopment	George E. Sampson	12/31/2009
Advisory Committee for Economic Development & Redevelopment	Donna McElrea	12/31/2009
Municipal Alliance Membership, Mayor Representative	Thomas A. Sahol	12/31/2008
American with Disabilities Comm.	Joy M. Weiler	12/31/2008
American with Disabilities Comm.	Richard A. Brook	12/31/2008
American with Disabilities Comm.	Thomas Layou	12/31/2008
American with Disabilities Comm.	Randy Belknap	12/31/2008
American with Disabilities Comm.	Joseph McHugh	12/31/2008
CDBG Representative	Thomas A. Sahol	12/31/2008
Delaware Estuary Program	Paul Ordog	12/31/2008
Historic Preservation Commission	Wayne Morris, Class C	12/31/2011
Historic Preservation Commission	George Lengel, Class C, Alt. #1	12/31/2009
Shade Tree Commission	Joseph Fox	12/31/2012
Shade Tree Commission	John Shields	12/31/2012
Shade Tree Commission	Richard Belcher	12/31/2008
Planning Board	Craig Wilkie, Class 4	12/31/2011
Planning Board	James Molimock, Class 4, Alt. #2	12/31/2008
Planning Board	David Woolston, Class 4, Alt. #1	12/31/2009
Planning Board	Wayne Morris, Class 2	12/31/2008

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Citizens Advisory Committee

on Landfill Matters

Astra Haldeman

12/31/2009

Recreation Committee (FAAD Rep) Thomas A. Sahol

12/31/2007

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by O'Hara to confirm the above listed appointments.

Upon roll call to confirm the **Mayor's Appointments**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-01

**ANNUAL NOTICE AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02

TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2008

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-03

DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION 2008-04

ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

RESOLUTION 2008-05

ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT ROEBLING BANK

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-06

ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR
KEARNS, VASSALLO AND KEARNS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-08

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-09

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP WATER & SEWER
ENGINEER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PROSECUTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-13

APPOINTING TAX SEARCH OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-14

DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15

APPOINT DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-16

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-17

APPOINTING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF ORGANIZATIONS
TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19

APPOINTING RECYCLING COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-20

APPOINTING ROAD INSPECTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-21

**APPOINTING TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTES FOR MUNICIPAL
PROSECUTORS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-22

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, SANDRA A. BLACKER,
TO MAKE MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS
AS PER THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-23

**APPOINTING TOWNSHIP CLERK AS
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-24

**APPOINT THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, RICHARD A. BROOK,
AS THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-25

ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-26

**ADOPTION OF A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-27

**APPROVE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-28

**A RESOLUTION FIXING INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES
ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CHARGES AND FIXING
ADDITIONAL SUMS TO BE PAID TO THE HOLDER OF A TAX
TITLE UPON REDEMPTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-29

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO FILE APPEALS, OMITTED AND
ADDED ASSESSMENT APPEALS, AND ROLL BACK COMPLAINTS WITH
THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-30

**AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF
CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Resolutions 2008-01 through 2008-30.

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On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, stated that the township calendar shows that the start time of the Council Meetings is 8:00PM but he saw a document that shows the start time is 7:00PM. He asked which is the correct start time? Administrator Brook explained that the calendars were printed before the start time was considered for change. Notifications will be done with the correct time: 8:00 PM.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by O'Hara to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Michael J. Muchowski

On behalf of Florence Township, Mayor Berry presented a plaque to Mayor Michael J. Muchowski in honor of his outstanding service and dedication to the Township of Florence as Council Member from January 1996 to December 1999, and as Mayor from January 2000 to December 2007.

Mayor Berry asked Kim Muchowski to join her husband up front of the Council Chambers.

Mayor Berry presented Mayor Muchowski with a Proclamation. He read the Proclamation, proclaiming that on Saturday, July 5, 2008 at the **Annual Patriotic Celebration Day Parade**, Michael J. Muchowski will be honored for his dedication and commitment to the Township of Florence by naming: **Michael J. Muchowski** as the **Grand Marshal** and July 5, 2008 as **Michael J. Muchowski Day**.

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Mayor Berry presented flowers to Mrs. Muchowski in honor of the years of sacrifices she and her family have made while her husband served as Council Member and as Mayor, and for standing behind her husband.

Mayor Muchowski thanked everyone for attending this evening. It is a special night for Mayor Berry, Council Member O'Hara and Council Member Ryan. He looked back when he first joined Council; it is a daunting task but a very rewarding task. He has learned a lot and feels he is a better person because of the experience he has had of giving something back.

Mayor Muchowski thanked Administrator Brook. Everything that has been accomplished within the community on behalf of the Mayor and Council in a large part was done under the leadership and direction of Richard Brook, Township Administrator.

Mayor Muchowski thanked his wife, Kim, for being there, listening and supporting him over the last 12 years.

Council Member John Fratinardo

On behalf of Florence Township, Council President Baldorossi presented a plaque to John Fratinardo in honor of his outstanding service and dedication to the Township of Florence as Council Member from January 2000 to December 2007. Mr. Fratinardo thanked the residents of Florence Township for allowing him to serve the last eight years. "It has been a pleasure." He feels he did his best for Florence Township and always kept the residents in mind in all of his actions. Although he is not an original resident of Florence Township, this is his home, he has made it his home and he loves it here.

The Mayor presented flowers to Mrs. Fratinardo for her support of her husband during his terms of office.

Council Member Elizabeth Ryan

On behalf of Florence Township, Council President Baldorossi presented a plaque to Elizabeth Ryan in honor of her outstanding service and dedication to the Township of Florence as Council Member from January 2004 to December 2007. Ms. Ryan thanked her colleagues on Council and Mayor Muchowski. It has been a pleasure to serve Florence Township. She stated that the gentleman on Council now will work together and do the best for Florence Township; political party does not play a part. She thanked the township professionals.

The Mayor presented flowers to Betsy Ryan to thank her for her four years of service.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council President Baldorossi

Council President Baldorossi wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he looks forward to 2008.

Council Vice President O'Hara

Council Vice President O'Hara thanked the residents of Florence Township for placing their trust in him for representing the community as a Council Member. He appreciates

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the opportunity and looks forward to serving with his fellow Council Members. He thanked the township professionals for all they have done so far. The new members have been invited to several meetings after the election and he has drawn a tremendous amount of respect for the job that they do for this community.

Council Vice President O'Hara explained that this is a very happy day for Council Member Ryan and himself but also a tremendously sad day. Council Member Ryan's father passed away last evening and he knows how hard his mother and father worked so he could be up here this evening. He asked, not only for Council Member Ryan's father but also for Mayor Berry's granddaughter who has been going through a tremendous amount of health issues over the past several months, for a moment of silence that Mr. Ryan is in heaven and that Mayor Berry's granddaughter will continue to improve and lead a great life.

Council Member Ryan

Council Member Ryan thanked the residents of Florence Township for having the faith and confidence in him to serve the community. He reiterated his commitment to Florence Township and thanked everyone for attending this evening.

7:36 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Garganio to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

7:36 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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